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7-3-01**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE****Applicants:** David M. Center, et al.**Examiner:** L. Spector**Serial No.:** 09/368,630**Art Unit:** 1647**Filed:** August 5, 1999**Docket:** 12875**For:** IL-16 ANTAGONISTS**Dated:** June 25, 2001Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231**RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE COMMUNICATION DATED MAY 24, 2001**

Sir:

In the Office communication dated May 24, 2001, the Examiner states that the response filed on May 16, 2001 is non-responsive as Applicants have allegedly failed to clearly identify all claims drawn to the elected species, SEQ ID NO: 2.

Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to page 2, third paragraph of the response filed on May 16, 2001, where Applicants expressly state that claims which read on the elected species include claims 1-2, 6-9, 12-13 and 33-42. Applicants further state that these are the elected claims.

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Dated: June 25, 2001  
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